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## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED By E-Mail and Facsimile

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Re: In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation MDL 1456

Dear Steve:

We are writing in response to your purported 93A demand letter to Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Aventis") dated March 27, 2007. From the outset, we note that by responding to your letter we are not acknowledging the sufficiency of your demand letter, nor are we waiving any of the requirements or defenses of M.G.L. ch. 93A sec. 9 ("Chapter 93A").

In light of the government reports, testimony, and other information we have brought to your attention since you filed this lawsuit, we are surprised that you continue to pursue your "AWP" claim. As you know, your initial complaint said that Average Wholesale Price or "AWP" was intended to be a literal term; an actual average of wholesale prices. We brought to your attention the testimony of Mr. Pennebaker, who testified that the term "AWP" was invented in 1969 by State of California pharmacists who were responsible for reimbursing providers for prescription medicines under California's Medicaid program. We also provided you with government reports and articles stating that AWP is a term of art and merely a pricing benchmark invented by government officials, and later used by private

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After considering this information, you changed your theory in your complaint that AWP was a literal term, to yet another unfounded theory – that the term AWP was a pricing "signal", which everyone in the industry allegedly viewed as representing a price fixed at 30% above yet another pricing term, Wholesale Acquisition Cost or "WAC." We then provided you with additional information, testimony, and reports demonstrating that this fallback theory was as incorrect as your first.

In addition, we've also informed you that Aventis does not establish the AWP for its medicines, nor does it "inflate" the AWP for these medicines. As the testimony of our employees and company documents we have given you make clear, since 2001 Aventis has provided to the independent publishers of pricing data a Wholesale List Price only, which Aventis has told the pricing companies "does not include discounts, rebates, charge-backs, or other terms or distribution arrangements that may reduce actual sales price." As you also know, since you have filed a separate lawsuit against them, pricing companies unilaterally set the AWP for prescription medicines, which they then published and sold to their subscribers. In fact, you allege in your separate lawsuit against these pricing companies that this conduct subjects them to liability because you allege that the pricing companies "inflated" the AWP benchmark. Even before 2001, when Aventis suggested an AWP to the pricing companies, all such suggestions followed industry standard mark-ups of 20-25%.

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Nevertheless, based on your AWP-related allegations, Plaintiffs first raised a Chapter 93A claim against Aventis in their Third Amended Master Consolidated Class Action Complaint ("Third Complaint"), which was filed with the Court on October 17, 2005. Plaintiffs, however, admit that they did not send the required 93A

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The provisions of Chapter 93A are clear — a Chapter 93A demand letter must be sent thirty days before filing suit.

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M.G.L. ch. 93A sec. 9(3) (emphasis added). As you have acknowledged, Plaintiffs failed to comply with the law. The pre-suit demand letter requirement of section 9 is jurisdictional and the failure to comply with the requirement is fatal to the claim. See Thorpe v. Mutual of Omaha Ins. Co., 984 F.2d 541, 543-44 (1st Cir. 1993); Linton v. New York Life Ins. And Annuity Corp. 392 F. Supp. 2d 39, 42 (D. Mass. 2005); McMahon v. Digital Equipment Corp., 944 F. Supp. 70, 76 (D. Mass. 1996); City of Boston v. Aetna Life Ins. Co., 399 Mass. 569, 574 (1987); Spring v. Geriatric Authority of Holyoke, 394 Mass. 274, 285 (1985); Wall v. Altenhof, No. 99-P-1542, 2003 WL 18757630, at \*3 (Mass. App. Ct. A[r. 10, 2003); Spilios v. Cohen, 38 Mass. App. Ct. 338, 342-43 (1995). The First Circuit has recognized that while the failure to plead compliance with the pre-suit demand letter requirement of Chapter 93A can be cured, the failure to actually send a pre-suit demand letter cannot be cured. See Rodi v. Southern New England School of Law, 389 F.3d 5 (1st Cir. 2004).

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Very truly yours,

Michael DeMarco

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#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS, FACSIMILE, AND LEXIS/NEXIS

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Re: In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation,

MDL No. 1456

Dear Steve:

We are writing in response to your putative 93A demand letter to Bayer Corporation ("Bayer") dated March 27, 2007. For the reasons set forth in the letter from Michael DeMarco to you dated April 26, 2007, your putative demand letter is untimely and insufficient as to Bayer. We attach a copy of that April 26, 2007 correspondence from Michael Demarco for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Michael Doss

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> In re Pharmaceutical Indus. Average Wholesale Price Litig., Re:

> > MDL No. 1456 (D. Mass.)

Dear Mr. Berman:

This firm represents defendant Dey, Inc. ("Dey"). I write in response to your purported demand letter to Dey, dated March 27, 2007 (the "March 27 Letter"). For a number of reasons, discussed below, the March 27 Letter is insufficient to meet the requirements of Cal. Civ. Code § 1782, Ga. Code. Ann. § 10-1-399, Ind. Code § 24-5-0.5-5(a), Mass. Gen. Laws. ch. 93A § 9(3), Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.505, W. Va. Code § 46A-6-106(b), and Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-109, 40-12-102(a) (collectively, the "Statutes").

The March 27 Letter is, as an initial matter, untimely. Each of the Statutes require - before filing suit or within a short time after an allegedly deceptive act is committed or discovered – that the prospective plaintiff send each prospective defendant a written notice describing the alleged unfair or deceptive act or practice at issue and the injury or damages that plaintiff allegedly suffered. The March 27 Letter, sent years after this action was filed and more than 15 years after the start of Plaintiffs' proposed class period, cannot meet this standard.

Plaintiffs try to get around the pre-filing notice requirement in each of the Statutes by arguing that the "history" of this lawsuit and the "length of time" it has been pending somehow relieve them of complying with the Statutes as written. However, your March 27 Letter cites no authority for this proposition, and the language of the Statutes does not contain the exception Plaintiffs would have us assume.

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The March 27 Letter also fails to fully state the damages alleged for any state other than Massachusetts. All but two of the Statutes require that the damages alleged be set forth. *See* Ga. Code. Ann. § 10-1-399, Ind. Code § 24-5-0.5-5(a), Mass. Gen. Laws. Ch. 93A § 9(3), Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.505, and Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-109. Plaintiffs' offer to calculate damages is inadequate to satisfy this requirement and the March 27 Letter cites no authority for Plaintiffs' failure to provide a calculation in the first instance. Even as to Massachusetts, the March 27 Letter is inadequate because it fails to identify a "claimant" as to Dey, in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws. Ch. 93A § 9(3). *See also* Ga. Code. Ann. § 10-1-399.

Plaintiffs cannot escape the requirements of the Statutes, which are jurisdictional, and thus, the failure to comply with them is fatal to Plaintiffs' claims. See, e.g., Laster v. T-Mobile USA, Inc., 407 F. Supp. 2d 1181, 1195-1196 (S.D. Cal. 2005); Von Grabe v. Sprint PCS, 312 F. Supp. 2d. 1285, 1303 (S.D. Cal. 2003); Lehman v. Shroyer, 721 N.E.2d 365, 368-369 (Ind. Ct. App. 1999); A.B.C. Home & Real Estate Inspection v. Plummer, 500 N.E.2d 1257, 1262-1263 (Ind. Ct. App. 1987); Thorpe v. Mutual of Omaha Ins. Co., 984 F.2d 541, 543-44 (1st Cir. 1993); Linton v. New York Life Ins. and Annuity Corp., 392 F. Supp. 2d 39, 42 (D. Mass. 2005); City of Boston v. Aetna Life Ins. Co., 399 Mass. 569, 574 (1987); Brown Realty Assocs. Inc. v. Thomas, 389 S.E.2d 505, 510 (Ga. Ct. App. 1989), W. Va. Code § 46A-12-102(a); Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-109.

By responding to the March 27 Letter, Dey is not acknowledging its sufficiency, nor is Dey waiving any of the requirements or defenses set forth in the Statutes. Moreover, the March 27 Letter has not triggered any time periods that would begin to run from the time of a valid notice or demand under the Statutes or otherwise. Dey reserves all of its rights with respect to the foregoing matters.

Very truly yours.

Philip D. Robben

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Re: In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation, MDL No. 1456

Dear Steve:

As you know, we represent Immunex Corporation in the above-referenced litigation. I write in response to your purported 93A demand letter to Immunex dated March 27, 2007, which you faxed to our office on March 28, 2007. By responding to your letter, Immunex does not acknowledge the sufficiency of your letter, nor does it waive any of the requirements or defenses of M.G.L. ch. 93A sec. 9 ("Chapter 93A").

We observe that today counsel for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Aventis") served you with a lengthy letter responding to a similar demand letter that was directed to Aventis. Rather than simply repeating the points raised by Aventis in its letter to you of this date, we also adopt and incorporate the relevant portions of that letter and incorporate it by reference herein as well.

To be clear, we believe your purported demand letter is both untimely and insufficient. Immunex rejects your request to "cure" alleged violations, which Immunex strongly believes have not occurred. Moreover, since both of the demand letters were sent prior to Plaintiffs' filing of their first complaint containing a Chapter 93A claim (on or about October 25, 2005), the

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> Re: In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation, MDL No. 1456

#### Dear Steve:

As you know, we represent Amgen Inc. ("Amgen") in the above-referenced litigation. I write in response to your purported 93A demand letter to Amgen dated March 27, 2007. By responding to your letter, Amgen does not acknowledge the sufficiency of your letter, nor does it waive any of the requirements or defenses of M.G.L. ch. 93A sec. 9 ("Chapter 93A").

As you are aware, Amgen received a similar letter from you dated July 10, 2006, making similar demands under Chapter 93A. We previously responded to that letter. We also observe that today counsel for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Aventis") served you with a lengthy letter responding to a similar demand letter that was directed to Aventis.

In response to your letter of March 27, 2007, Amgen directs you to its response to your July 10, 2006 letter, which we incorporate by reference herein. Additionally, rather than simply repeating the points raised by Aventis in its letter to you of this date, we also adopt and incorporate the relevant portions of that letter and incorporate it by reference herein as well.

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To be clear, as these other letters indicate, we believe your purported demand letter is both untimely and insufficient. Amgen rejects your request to "cure" alleged violations, which Amgen strongly believes have not occurred. Moreover, since neither of the demand letters was sent prior to Plaintiffs' filing of their first complaint containing a Chapter 93A claim (on or about October 25, 2005), it is Amgen's position that the only reasonable settlement offer Amgen can make in response to your demand is none at all. See Banchs v. New Pufferton, No. 99-P-904, 2001 WL 766129, at \*2 (Mass. App. Ct. July 9, 2001).

Very truly yours,

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#### Dear Mr. Berman:

We write in response to your purported demand letter under M.G.L. ch. 93A sec. 9 ("Chapter 93A") to Sicor, Inc. ("Sicor") dated March 27, 2007, but served by fax on March 28, 2007. As an initial matter, we would point out that your letter was not addressed to any particular person at Sicor, and copied an attorney who withdrew as Sicor's counsel in December 2006 — a full three months prior to when you faxed your letter. Irrespective of these service deficiencies, we still believe that your letter is both untimely and substantively insufficient to comply with your obligations under Chapter 93A.

We note that counsel for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Aventis") served a response today to a similar demand letter that we believe accurately detailed the factual and legal deficiencies in your purported demand letter to Sicor. To avoid simply repeating the points raised by Aventis in its April 26, 2007 letter to you, we adopt the relevant portions of Aventis' letter and incorporate them herein.

Moreover, we reject your demand that we "cure" any alleged Chapter 93A violations and assert that no such violations have occurred. Further, by your own admission, Plaintiffs failed to send their July 2006 and March 2007 demand letters prior to filing their first complaint containing a Chapter 93A claim. For this reason, and the reasons expressed in the April 26, 2007 Aventis letter, the only reasonable settlement offer Sicor can make in response to your demand is

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Sincerely,

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Moreover, since the demand letter was sent prior to Plaintiffs' filing of their first complaint containing a Chapter 93A claim, the only reasonable settlement offer Baxter can make in response to your demand is none at all. *See Banchs v. New Pufferton*, No. 99-P-904, 2001 WL 766129, at \*2 (Mass. App. Ct. July 9, 2001).

Sincerely,

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# **EXHIBIT D**

#### Bierman, Aimee E.

From: Steve Berman [Steve@hbsslaw.com] Thursday, April 26, 2007 4:13 PM Sent: Bierman, Aimee E.; Thomas Sobol To:

Cc: DeMarco, Michael; Muehlberger, James P. (EXTERNAL); Mizell, Nicholas (EXTERNAL)

Subject: RE: 4/26/07 letter from M. DeMarco to S. Berman

#### i see that i just wanted it to be clear that at time we made the allegation we did not have your response. not sure it matters

From: Bierman, Aimee E. [mailto:aimee.bierman@klgates.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2007 1:10 PM To: Steve Berman; Thomas Sobol

Cc: DeMarco, Michael; Muehlberger, James P. (EXTERNAL); Mizell, Nicholas (EXTERNAL)

Subject: RE: 4/26/07 letter from M. DeMarco to S. Berman

Our documents crossed in cyberspace; our response to your March 27, 2007 was made within the 30 day period allowed for under MGL ch. 93A sec. 9 (today is the 30th day).

From: Steve Berman [mailto:Steve@hbsslaw.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 4:09 PM To: Bierman, Aimee E.; Thomas Sobol

Cc: DeMarco, Michael

Subject: RE: 4/26/07 letter from M. DeMarco to S. Berman

#### note this was received minutes after we filed the amended complaint which alleges that no defendant responded to the 93a

**From:** Bierman, Aimee E. [mailto:aimee.bierman@klgates.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 1:02 PM To: Steve Berman; Thomas Sobol

Cc: DeMarco, Michael

Subject: 4/26/07 letter from M. DeMarco to S. Berman

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